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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

**BETHEL CHURCH,
ITAWAMBA COUNTY, MISS.,**

SEPTEMBER 9, 10 O'CLOCK, 1890.

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J. C. GILLENLINE, Abney, Miss.,
J. A. TAYLOR, Guntown, Miss.,
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Evergreen, Miss.,

Moderator.
Clerk.
Treasurer.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

J. M. Armstrong,	Evergreen, Miss.
J. A. Williams,	Plantersville, Miss.
B. Lesley,	Richmondlee, Miss.
J. A. Taylor,	Guntown, Miss.
J. C. Partlow,	Plantersville, Miss.

NEXT MEETING.

Place—Oak Grove Church, 12 miles East Guntown,
(M. & O. R. R.)
Time—Thursday before 2nd Sunday in September, 1891.
Annual Sermon—W. S. Padget; W. H. Moore, alternate.



MINUTES.

The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Judson Association convened with Bethel Church, Itawamba county, Mississippi, September 9th, 1890.

The Associational Sermon was delivered by Elder S. P. Harris; text: 1st Corinthians, 15, 3.4.

After refreshments of one hour, the body was called together by singing. Moderator J. C. Gillentine in the chair, and read 20 verses of St. John, and prayer was led by Elder J. A. McCully.

Then the letters from the various churches, composing this body, were called for. Twelve letters, being present, were read by reading clerks—Brothers J. W. Morris and W. M. Parker—and Delegates names enrolled, went into permanent organization with tellers: J. T. Pitts and J. T. Christian, who announced a result as follows:

J. C. Gillentine, Moderator.

J. A. Taylor, Clerk.

J. M. Armstrong, Treasurer.

The Moderator made some appropriate remarks on taking his seat, and prayer was offered in behalf of the different churches composing this body; then the Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Arrangements—J. A. Williams, K. A. Armstrong, H. E. Partlow.

On Devotion—J. D. Coggins, B. Lesley, D. M. Brown, with Deacons of this church.

The following Brethren were received as Correspondents: Elders J. T. Pitts, J. T. Christian, J. M. Goulsby, J. F. Benson and J. W. Randolph, and Brethren W. H. Rouse, — Smith and wife, W. R. Hampton, and M. Pound; also Sister M. J. Nelson, of Clinton, Miss., State Missionary; also Bro. J. Y. Tucker.

On motion, Elder J. T. Christian was requested to deliver an address to-morrow on "Missions," beginning at 10 p. m.; also report of committee that he preach at 11 o'clock following.

Committee on Arrangements report the same order of business of last year. Report received and adopted.

The Moderator resumed the appointment of committees:

On Temperance—J. A. McCully, James Forbus and C. C. Armstrong.

On Missions—J. J. Turner, J. J. Moore, J. H. Cummins.

On Literature—J. A. Williams, R. H. Rogers, D. M. Brown.

On Ministerial Education—J. G. Coffman, F. M. Gregory, J. M. Beachum.

On Schools and Colleges—S. P. Harris, J. S. Strickland, L. B. Duval.

On Obituaries—H. E. Partlow, C. A. Gillentine, K. A. Armstrong.

On State of Religion—J. J. Moore, J. H. Gray, John Clayton.

On Sabbath Schools—J. A. Brinkley, Brice Ledbetter, J. W. Summers.

On Finance—J. M. Armstrong, F. M. Gregory, W. S. Sheffield.

On Documents—W. M. Parker, J. D. Middlebrooks, S. M. Herin.

On Resolutions—J. J. Turner, J. J. Moore, S. P. Harris.

CORRESPONDING COMMITTEES:

To Baptist State Convention—J. M. Armstrong, S. P. Harris, J. C. Gillentine.

To Tombigby Association—J. C. Gillentine, J. D. Coggins.

To Aberdeen Association—D. M. Brown, H. E. Partlow, J. M. Armstrong.

To West Judson—B. Lesley, J. A. Taylor.

To Tishomingo—J. A. Taylor.

To Cipsey—J. M. Armstrong, W. H. Moore.

To Southern Baptist Convention—J. C. Gillentine, with J. M. Armstrong alternate.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 8:40, Moderator in the chair and read the 27th Division of Psalms, and prayer led by J. M. Goulsby.

The minutes of the previous day read and approved, and taken in consideration the place of holding the next session of this body

resulted in the selection of Oak Grove Church, Itawamba County.

Elder W. S. Padget to preach the Association sermon; Elder W. H. Moore alternate, at the hour of 10.

Elder J. T. Christian delivered a very interesting lecture on Missions. We then adjourned to half past one, during which time Elder J. T. Christian preached, to a packed house, one of his able sermons; text: Acts 9th; subject: "The New Birth, and Many Souls were made Glad."

We then went to the grove and enjoyed a bountiful repast, which had been prepared by the ladies.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at half past one. Prayer by J. A. Williams.

The subject of Missions resumed and some good speeches were made and report adopted.

Committee report that Elder J. T. Pitts preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and by request of Brother Pitts, Elder J. F. Benson appointed alternate.

Elder J. T. Pitts spoke in the interest of the Sherman, Poplar Springs and Blue Springs Schools.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow. Benediction by Elder J. F. Benson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 9:15, with Moderator J. C. Gillentine in the chair, and read 23rd Division of the Psalms; prayer by Elder J. F. Benson.

The minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The report on Literature amended so as to embrace the Home Field; also an amendment carried to strike out American Baptist Publication Society. On motion, the report was re-committed.

At eleven Elder J. F. Benson preached to a large congregation from Eph. 2-8; "Salvation by Grace," "Justification through Faith."

After preaching, adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Was opened with prayer, led by Elder J. A. McCully.

By request, the church at Fellowship was granted a letter of dismission, to join the West Judson Association.

Committee on Devotion report that Elder J. M. Goulsby preach to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to hear Brother Harris in behalf of the Woman's Aid Society.

By motion, Sister M. J. Nelson is allowed space in our Minutes to record anything she may see proper in regard to her work.

On motion, the regular order of business taken up.

Went into election for an Executive Committee, which resulted as follows: J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Williams, B. Lesley, J. C. Partlow, J. A. Taylor.

On Sunday Sister M. J. Nelson gave a good lecture to the children, which resulted in much good.

At eleven Elder J. M. Goulsby preached to a good congregation from Gallatians, 6th chapter and 7th verse.

On call by the Moderator, the following Committees read their reports by their respective chairmen and were adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee beg leave to submit the following: That as the great command of Christ, the Church is to preach the Gospel to all the world, consequently we desire that the Gospel be preached to all men everywhere; therefore, we must contribute our means to those who are willing and feel it their duty to go and preach the glad tidings of great joy to a lost and ruined world. We cannot say how much has been done in the past year, but we can say a great deal has been done. God has brought many souls into his fold through preaching the Gospel, for which we bless and praise His name, and pray that He may open our hearts to do more in His cause, and that He may bless all our efforts to do and carry out his great command to "Go and preach the Gospel in all the world."

Respectfully,

J. J. TURNER, Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: We are taught by the Scriptures to be temperate in all things, and we know that temperance is one of the graces that characterizes a Christian; therefore,

Resolved, That the encouragement of drunkenness is a great evil and should not be tolerated in the churches. We would be recreant to our fellow-man; and more especially to our God; should we fail to place our condemnation on the traffic of all spiritous liquors. "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven." So we respectfully ask the delegates composing this body to use every effort in their power to put down the use of intoxicating drink.

J. A. McCULLY, Chairman.

ON LITERATURE.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: We recommend 1st, the reading of the Holy Bible—it being the best literature we know; we further recommend as Sunday School literature, "Kind Words;" and to Brethren and Sisters for religious journals we recommend the "Southern Baptist Record," "Foreign Mission Journal," "The Baptist and Reflector" and the "Convention Board Quarterly" and "Our Home Field."

Respectfully,

R. H. ROGERS, Chairman.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We are impressed with the importance of a well educated ministry. The progressive intelligence of society furnishes in our judgment a corresponding improvement on the part of our ministry. We regard it as sacred scriptural requisition that the Priest's lips should keep knowledge; that every minister should, if possible, acquire that general information which will tend to secure for him respect and influence and especially an enlarged and accurate knowledge of the Scriptures as would render him a workman that needeth not to be ashamed able rightly to divide the word of Truth. We consider education to the minister what clothes are to the man: they have no power in them to make the man, yet they are very necessary to his

comfort, and to render him acceptable to his fellowman. So education is very necessary to the happiness and acceptance of a minister, in the course of his ministry. The minister is a workman for God, and words are his tools. A mechanic, to do good work, must have a variety and knowledge of the use of tools. So a minister, to do good work in preaching for God, must have a fund and be acquainted with the right use of words. But, how should he obtain this right use of words, unless he studies it? Does God give the knowledge of language? Now, it would seem that many think the less a man is educated, the more plain, forcible and useful he is as a preacher; but the fact is exactly the reverse. It ought to be apparent to everyone that the less a man knows, the poorer must be his stock of words, and the less his capacity to use them to an advantage. This is a subject worthy the prayers and labors of all the friends of God and man.

Respectfully,

S. P. HARRIS,
Chairman.

ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, submit the following report: Since our last session, Sister Jane Stevens, aged 82 years; Sister Rosanah Lowery and Brother W. R. Estes, W. H. Estes, of Center Hill church; Sister Sallie McVay and Brother A. Biggers, of Plantersville church; H. B. Morgan, of Evergreen church; Sister Nancy Watson and Sister Tennie Lucas, of Friendship church; Sister Hobbs, of Pleasant Hill; and one in Union Hill, name not given; Brother Martin, of Hopewell, aged 79; Sister Nancy Thomas, and Brother Starks Gregory, of Bougfala church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. PARTLOW,

K. A. ARMSTRONG,
C. A. GILLENLINE,
Committee.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

We think from the report of the churches that religion is in advance of last year.

Let us continue to pray God that he will make the Kingdom's of this world, the Kingdom of Lord and His Christ.

Respectfully,

J. J. MOORE,
Chairman.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee, believe it the duty of every church to organize and build up a good Sabbath School.

We are taught to bring up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

We suggest to the various churches the necessity of a well organized Sabbath School.

We further recommend the Bible, and especially the New Testament, which is the Will and Testament of our Lord—a revelation of Grace, handed down to fallen man, and by the operation and the power of the Holy Spirit, saves man from perdition.

We also recommend literature published by the Southern Bap-

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ist Convention at Augusta, Georgia.
Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BRINKLEY,
Chairman.

ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, find that the Union of the 1st District convenes with the Friendship Church on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1891,—Elder W. S. Padgett to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. J. Turner, alternate.

ESSAYS.

1st. Is Faith the Act of the Creature, or the Gift of God.

W. S. WILBANKS.

2nd. What is the main in writing features of Heaven?

A. J. DOTY.

3rd. Is it right for each church to have its own Elder?

J. W. MORRIS.

4th. Why do Baptists require an Experience of Grace before Baptism?

J. A. McCULLY.

The Union of the 2nd District will meet with the Church at Liberty, on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1891,—Introductory Sermon by Elder L. B. Gandy; alternate, Elder J. A. Brinkley.

ESSAYS.

1st. Do the Scriptures teach that the Elect of Heirs of Salvation or Eternal Life were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the Word, and Predestined to be conformed to the Image of Christ, and that these, and these only, will be finally saved?

S. P. HARRIS.

2nd. If one Baptist church excludes a member, according to the Scripture, and he will not acknowledge his wrong or ask forgiveness of the church, can another church—five miles distant—rightfully receive him into her fellowship?

J. A. WILLIAMS.

3rd. Was the Atonement general or special—or both?

J. C. GILLENLINE.

4th. Exegesis on Romans, 5th Chapter, 13th and 14th verses.

W. H. MOORE.

5th. Exegesis on 1st Cor., 15th Chap., 29th verse.

J. A. BRINKLEY.

6th. Should every Church have a Pastor?

W. J. THOMAS.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PARKER, Chairman.

ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

There are many good schools in the State, and all doing a noble work, and not one of these would we cast any reflection on in the least; and, while we do not believe that literary schools should be Sectarian, yet we do believe that Baptists should have their own schools to which they can send their children, and this, we believe, all the denominations hold. Then, we, as a committee, do cheerfully recommend Mississippi College as the school for young men of Baptist parents—especially those who are studying for the ministry; and would recommend the fol-

Following schools for young ladies of Baptist parents : Blue Mountain, Central Female Institute, at Clinton, Miss., and Institute at Starkville, Miss. Now, while there are a number of others in the State that are good and doing an immense amount of good, yet we believe these are the best, and our reason for thinking so is because these are the oldest and best equipped of any other that we know of in the State. Respectfully submitted, S. P. HARRIS, Chairman.

MINUTES OF SISTER M. J. NELSON'S MEETING.

A large crowd of ladies met at the house of Mrs. Margaret Sheffield, near Bethel Church, Sept. 12, 1890, to listen to our State Missionary, Mrs. M. J. Nelson, talk on the work done in the State. She spoke words of encouragement to us of God's blessings on the little effort we could make, and urged all to do something for the Master. There were ladies from eight churches in the Association present. Saturday a second meeting was held at the same place; after a short Bible Study, the ladies willingly organized a Woman's Mission Society of chosen members: Mrs. M. J. Coffman, President; Mrs. Cordelia Barnes, Vice-President; Miss Alice Gregory, Sec'y; Mrs. Margaret Sheffield, Treasurer; Mrs. R. A. Sheffield, Mrs. Sallie Ballard, Mrs. Franks, Mrs. Loden, Mrs. Kate Sheffield, Mrs. F. Stovall.

ALICE GREGORY, Sec'y.

FINANCE REPORT.

MINUTE FUND COLLECTED

From Bougfala church,	\$ 2 50.
From Bethel church,	2 00.
From Center Hill church,	1 60.
From Evergreen church,	1 50.
From Fellowship church,	30.
From Friendship church,	1 30.
From Hopewell church,	85.
From Liberty church,	80.
From Mantachie church,	25.
From Mt. Vernon church,	50.
From Oak Hill church,	50.
From Oak Grove church,	1 20.

From Plantersville church,	\$ 2 10.
From Pleasant Hill church,	75.
From Richmond church,	1 50.
From Unity church,	60.
From Union Hill church,	45.
Total,	\$18 70.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

From Bougfala church,	\$ 50.
From Bethel church,	1 50.
From Center Hill church,	3 20.
From Evergreen church,	5 00.
From Fellowship church,	
From Friendship church,	2 50.
From Hopewell church,	4 70.
From Liberty church,	
From Mantachie church,	4 10.
From Oak Hill church,	
From Oak Grove church,	80.
From Plantersville church,	
From Pleasant Hill church,	
From Richmond church,	1 90.
From Unity church,	
From Union Hill church,	7 40.
From other sources,	1 35.
Total,	\$32 95.

STATE MISSION.

From Hopewell 25c, Union Hill \$2.90;	Total,	\$ 3 15.
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COLLEGE FUND—Bougfala church,	\$ 2 00.
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FOREIGN MISSION.

Bougfala 75c, Center Hill \$12.30;	Total,	\$13 05.
Evergreen 50c, Hopewell \$3.85;	Total,	4 35.
Mantachie \$1.00, Mt. Vernon 70c;	Total,	1 70.
Pleasant Hill		1 25.
Richmond 50c, Other Sources 30c;	Total,	80.
Grand Total,		\$21 15.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

R. S. Thomas,	\$10 00.
R. H. Rodgers,	5 00.

J. A. Taylor,	5 00.
K. A. Armstrong,	5 00.
Other Parties,	5 00.
By Pub. Col. at Bethel, Sister Nelson,	14 50.

Total,	\$44 50.
By Pub. Col. at Bethel, State Missions, by Sister Nelson,	4 66.

RECAPITULATION.

Received on Minute Fund,	\$18 70.
Received on Associational Missions,	32 95.
Received on State Missions,	7 81.
Received on College Fund,	2 00.
Received on Foreign Missions,	21 15.
Received on Ministerial Education,	44 50.

Total,	\$122 11.
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J. M. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid J. A. McCully for Mission Work,	\$15 00.
To J J Turner for Mission Work,	5 00.
By amount paid J T Christian, State Mission,	3 35.
By amount paid Foreign Mission,	16 65.
By amount paid J A Taylor for Minutes,	18 70.
By amount paid Ministerial Education,	25 00.

Total,	\$83 70.
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J. A. Taylor in account with Judson Association:	
1889. Amount rec'd from Treas. for minutes,	\$19 95.

" By amount to Ledger office for 450 minutes,	14 00.
" By amount to Ministerial Education,	5 00.
" By amount Postage,	95.

Total,	\$19 95.
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DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

From Bougfala—John Clayton, F M Gregory, J D Middlebrooks, Henry Gregory, L T McCarty. From Bethel—J W Summers, J G Coffman, L B Duvall. From Center Hill—H E Partlow, L B Gandy, and R H Rogers.

From Evergreen—W. H. Moore, C. C. Armstrong and J. M. Beachum.

From Fellowship—W. L. Padget, A. J. Sandlin.

From Friendship—J. A. McCully.

From Hopewell—J. C. Gillentine, W. J. Thomas, W. M. Parker.

From Liberty—D. M. Brown, J. H. Knight, J. T. L. Brown.

From Mantachie—J. W. Morris, W. J. McNut.

From Mt. Vernon—J. H. Morgan, T. H. Pardon, J. H. Griffin.

From Oak Hill—J. A. Taylor.

From Oak Grove—J. J. Turner, J. H. Cummins, James Forbus.

From Plantersville—J. A. Brinkley, K. A. Armstrong.

From Pleasant Hill—G. F. Sandlin, J. M. Johnson, C. C. McCarty.

From Richmond—J. J. Moore, P. J. Mattox, Brice Ledbetter.

From Unity—Perry Raper, J. S. Strickland, S. M. Herring.

From Union Hill—J. D. Coggins, J. H. Gray, A. J. Hill.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, We see the need of Ministerial Aid in our District meetings.

Resolved, therefore, That this body take into consideration the importance of holding but one Union in the District, and that the matter be referred to the churches composing this body, and they be requested to instruct their delegates to the next meeting on the same.

Respectfully,

J. A. TAYLOR.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Bethel Church and community for their kindness shown this body during its present session.

Respectfully,

W. M. PARKER.

M. The Association through with business, a Hymn was sung and
the Parting Hand extended, and adjourned to meet with the Oak
Grove Church, Itawamba county, on Thursday before the 2nd Sun-
day in September, 1891.

J. C. GILLENLINE, Moderator.

J. A. TAYLOR, Clerk.

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STATISTICS OF JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

J. C. GILLENTINE,
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CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NEAREST POST-OFFICE.	ADDED BY			DIMIN'D BY			TOTAL MEMBER-SHIP.
			BAPTISM.	LETTER.	EXPENSE '08.	DEATH.	REMOVAL.	REMOVAL.	
Angela	Lee	Mooreville	1						120
Bethel	Itawamba	Abney	17						122
Center Hill	Lee	Plantersville	2		1				98
Evergreen	Itawamba	Evergreen	1	2					38
Fellowship	Lee	Saltillo							79
Friendship	Lee	Guntown	5	5		11			
Hopewell	Itawamba	Abney	11	1	2	10			117
Liberty	Monroe	Bigby Fork	4	4	1	3			46
Mantachie	Itawamba	Mantachie	1		1				46
Mt. Vernon	Itawamba	Ita	5	2		2			81
Oak Hill	Lee	Guntown		1		6			
Oak Grove	Itawamba	Ratliff	18	1		4			124
Plantersville	Lee	Plantersville	10	8					41
Pleasant Hill	Lee	Tupelo	8	11	1	5	2	1	86
Richmond	Lee	Richmondlee	1	6		2			59
Unity	Lee	Guntown	5			6			34
Union Hill	Lee	Nettleton	2	1		1			43
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